

House Resolution

No. 52

Introduced by Assembly Members Nazarian and Holden

August 4, 2014

House Resolution No. 52—Relative to Old Spanish Trail Day in California.

1 WHEREAS, In 1829, Antonio Armijo, a merchant from Santa
2 Fe, led 60 men and approximately 100 mules on known Native
3 American and later Fur Trappers/Traders trails northward through
4 northwestern New Mexico, southwestern Colorado, southern Utah,
5 northern Arizona, and southern Nevada, across the Mojave Desert
6 into the San Gabriel Mission, and finally to the Los Angeles Plaza
7 where their goods were sold or exchanged; and

8 WHEREAS, The Old Spanish Trail was used successfully as a
9 major Southwestern Trade and Migration Route between 1829 and
10 1848 in delivering Native American, Spanish, and Mexican goods
11 along the approximately 3,500 miles of the trail that helped enable
12 the settlement of the west; and

13 WHEREAS, The Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) is a
14 nonprofit, tax-exempt organization supported by a broad
15 membership in 27 states and 13 local chapters in the six Old
16 Spanish Trail States (Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New
17 Mexico, and Utah) and England; and

18 WHEREAS, The Old Spanish Trail became the 15th National
19 Historic Trail when Congress adopted S. 1946 in November 2002
20 and President George W. Bush signed it into law in December
21 2002; and

22 WHEREAS, It is the Mission of OSTA to study, preserve,
23 protect, interpret, educate, and promote respectful use of the Old

1 Spanish National Historic Trail and closely related historic routes,
2 as well as promoting public awareness of the Old Spanish National
3 Historic Trail and its multicultural heritage by encouraging
4 research, publication, and partnering with governments and private
5 historical, educational, and tourist organizations; and

6 WHEREAS, California recognizes and commends OSTA for
7 its efforts to study, preserve, protect, interpret, educate, and
8 promote respectful use of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
9 and its multicultural heritage; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
11 Assembly declares Saturday, October 4, 2014, and the first
12 Saturday in October of each subsequent year, as Old Spanish Trail
13 Day in California; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
15 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.